

## REPLACEMENT SHEET

### (I) CLAIM OR CLAIMS.

1) **(ORIGINAL)** The ring mute is a mute that attaches onto and around the rim of the bell of a brass musical instrument, comprising: a sound dampening absorbent flexible foam material with an adhesive strip attached to the outer surface of the ring; and a scalpel incision on the inside middle of the ring extending the entire middle circumference of the inner area of the ring.

2) **(ORIGINAL)** The ring mute as set forth in claim 1, is a sound absorbent flexible urethane foam material ring 1.25 inches wide and .625 inches thick with a .25 deep scalpel incision extending the entire middle circumference of the inner area of the ring.

3) **(CANCELLED)** The ring mute as set forth in claim 1, by being attached onto and around the rim of the bell of a brass musical instrument instead of being placed into the bell of the brass musical instrument (as all other mutes are) causes no apparent air blow resistance.

4) **(CANCELLED)** The ring mute as set forth in claim 1, by being attached onto and around the rim of the bell of a brass musical instrument instead of being placed in the bell of the brass instrument causes no apparent change in pitch.

5) **(ORIGINAL)** The ring mute as set forth in claim 1, possesses a flexible, non-porous adhesive strip 1 inch wide attached to the outer area of the ring encircling the outer area of the ring.

6) **(CANCELLED)** The ring mute as set forth in claim 1, dampens the sound causing the musical expressivity of a smooth, rounded and smoky sound.

## DELETED SHEET

### ~~WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:~~

- ~~1) The ring mute is a mute that attaches onto and around the rim of the bell of a brass musical instrument, comprising: a sound dampening absorbent flexible foam material with an adhesive strip attached to the outer surface of the ring; and a scalpel incision on the inside middle of the ring extending the entire middle circumference of the inner area of the ring.~~
- ~~2) The ring mute as set forth in claim 1, is a sound absorbent flexible urethane foam material ring 1.25 inches wide and .625 inches thick with a .25 deep scalpel incision extending the entire middle circumference of the inner area of the ring.~~
- ~~3) The ring mute as set forth in claim 1, by being attached onto and around the rim of the bell of a brass musical instrument instead of being placed into the bell of the brass musical instrument (as all other mutes are) causes no apparent air blow resistance.~~
- ~~4) The ring mute as set forth in claim 1, by being attached onto and around the rim of the bell of a brass musical instrument instead of being placed in the bell of the brass instrument causes no apparent change in pitch.~~
- ~~5) The ring mute as set forth in claim 1, possesses a flexible, non-porous adhesive strip 1 inch wide attached to the outer area of the ring encircling the outer area of the ring.~~
- ~~6) The ring mute as set forth in claim 1, dampens the sound causing the musical expressivity of a smooth, rounded and smoky sound.~~

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